

Tetra- $\mu$ -acetato-O:O'-bis[(7-aza-  
indole-N)copper(II)]

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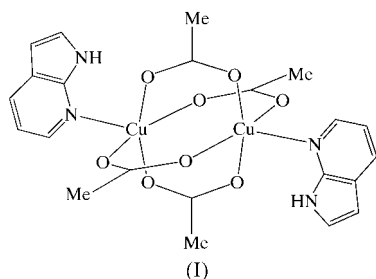
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The title complex,  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2)_4(\text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{N}_2)_2]$ , shows a binuclear cage structure having an inversion centre. There are intramolecular N—H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bonds between the 7-azaindole ligands and the bridging acetate O atoms.

## Comment

The structure of the mixed-bridged binuclear copper(II) complex  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2(\text{az})_2(\text{Haz})_2]$  (Haz is 7-azaindole) was reported by Peng & Lai (1988). The structure of  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_4(\text{Haz})_2]$ , (I), is reported here.



## Experimental

1-Propanol (10 ml) solutions of copper(II) acetate monohydrate (0.5 mmol) and 7-azaindole (1 mmol) were mixed and filtered. From the light-blue–green filtrate, crystals of the title compound,  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_4(\text{Haz})_2]$ , were obtained.

## Crystal data

$[\text{Cu}_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2)_4(\text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{N}_2)_2]$   
 $M_r = 599.55$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/a$   
 $a = 7.453$  (5) Å  
 $b = 14.911$  (5) Å  
 $c = 11.458$  (5) Å  
 $\beta = 107.75$  (4)°  
 $V = 1212.7$  (10) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$

$D_x = 1.642$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 25  
 reflections  
 $\theta = 10$ – $15^\circ$   
 $\mu = 1.809$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 298$  K  
 Prism, green  
 $0.2 \times 0.1 \times 0.1$  mm

## Data collection

Rigaku AFC-7R diffractometer  
 $\theta$ - $2\theta$  scans  
 Absorption correction: by integration (Coppens *et al.*, 1965)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.745$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.854$   
 3109 measured reflections  
 2779 independent reflections  
 1860 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.035$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 27.5^\circ$   
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 10$   
 $k = -19 \rightarrow 0$   
 $l = -15 \rightarrow 15$   
 3 standard reflections  
 every 150 reflections  
 intensity decay: none

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R(F) = 0.041$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.148$   
 $S = 0.93$   
 2779 reflections  
 163 parameters

H-atom parameters not refined  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + \{0.1(F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3\}^2]$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.007$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.56$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.38$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Cu1—Cu1 <sup>i</sup>	2.651 (1)	Cu1—O3	1.975 (3)
Cu1—O1	1.974 (3)	Cu1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	1.997 (3)
Cu1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	1.976 (3)	Cu1—N1	2.177 (4)
O1—Cu1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	167.8 (1)	O1—C1—O2	125.6 (4)
O3—Cu1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	167.4 (1)	O3—C3—O4	124.5 (4)

Symmetry codes: (i) 2 - x, -y, -z.

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

D—H $\cdots$ A	D—H	H $\cdots$ A	D $\cdots$ A	D—H $\cdots$ A
N2—H1 $\cdots$ O4 <sup>i</sup>	0.96	2.02	2.822 (6)	140

Symmetry code: (i) 2 - x, -y, -z.

The positional parameters of all the H atoms were calculated geometrically and fixed with  $U(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{parent atom})$ .

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